

Keep San Marcos Beautiful

September/October 2010 Newsletter



CITY OF SAN MARCOS COMMUNITY SERVICES -
PARKS AND RECREATION



September 27, 2010

2010 Fall Concert Series

PRESENTED BY TALL MAN RECORDS AND
SAN MARCOS PARKS AND RECREATION WITH GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM THE
SAN MARCOS ARTS COMMISSION & TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS.

FREE!

THURSDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES SAN MARCOS PLAZA PARK STAGE 6:00 PM - 10:30 PM

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| SEPTEMBER 30 | ZLAM DUNK WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
DEVIL IN THE DRINK & EQUALS |
| OCTOBER 7 | STEWART MANN & THE STATESBORO
REVUE WITH SPECIAL GUEST JAVI GARCIA
& THE COLD COLD GROUND |
| OCTOBER 14 | VAN WILKS WITH SPECIAL GUEST ADAM
JOHNSON AND THE RED ROOSTER REVUE |
| OCTOBER 21 | TEXAS RENEGADE |
| OCTOBER 28 | INAUGURAL HOLLOW-EEN BASH
DEVIL'S HOLLOW WITH DERTYBIRD |

SERIES SPONSORS INCLUDE:



FULL CIRCLE SALON

**ART AND ECO VENDORS WILL SHOWCASE SAN MARCOS' UNIQUE BEAUTY,
WAYS TO PROTECT THAT BEAUTY, AND ART ON DISPLAY AND FOR SALE.**

MUSIC WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 PM EVERY NIGHT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 393-8400.

KSMB and Tall Man Records are hosting the 1st ever Fall Concert Series beginning Thursday, September 30th. The concert series will highlight an array of musical talent, art vendors and eco vendors.

Opening night kicks off, Thursday, September 30 with three San Marcos bands; Equals, Zlam Dunk, and the Devil in the Drink. The series will continue every Thursday evening through Oct. 28.

"Musically, the main objective I went after while booking the series was to high-

light local acts such as Zlam Dunk and Adam Johnson, as well as bring in some talent from outside San Marcos, such as Van Wilks. Additionally, we've got too many bands and artists right here in San Marcos that deserve significantly more exposure than they're getting. It's my hope the concert series will be an ideal solution for all of that." - Tres Heffer, Tall Man Records.

This Fall Series will not only highlight some great music, but it will offer the public the chance to enjoy some unique art and eco oppor-

tunities. "I am thrilled that Keep San Marcos Beautiful (KSMB) was able to join Tall Man Records and produce such a variety of education and entertainment," said Heather Powdrill, Community Beautification Coordinator. KSMB is a city initiative that was formed last year, and our focus areas are city wide beautification, waste reduction and litter prevention. "One of KSMB's goals is to bring awareness to our citizens and visitors. We hope to accomplish this goal at this entertaining concert series," Powdrill stated.

In a revised format from the summer season, the art, eco and food vendors will open at 6:00 pm. and the shows will start at 7:00 p.m. with an opening act. The main performers for each concert will take the stage at 8:30 p.m. KSMB Fall Concerts are held at the San Marcos Plaza Park stage located at 401 E. Hopkins. For questions or vendor information, please contact Heather Powdrill, Community Beautification Coordinator at 393.8400 or by email at hpowdrill@sanmarcostx.gov.

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Ask the Arborist—Reliable Information about Trees



Where do you go when you have a question about trees? Online you will find a series of very good websites like www.treesaregood.com or www.arborday.org. Unfortunately, they are rarely tailored to our particular area. More locally, the Texas Forest Service and Agrilife extension offices are very useful and informative. You can find them easily online. We should make good use of them, since we pay for them after all.

Another excellent resource is the local pool of professional tree care folks. One word of caution, unlike plumbers or electricians, there are no licensing requirements for practicing tree care in Texas. Arborists certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) are the only people with credentials when talking about trees. This is not to say that your non ISA certified tree care professional does not know what he is doing but that you have no way of verifying this information. You can easily verify credentials online at the

Texas chapter of the ISA. So remember this article when choosing your next tree care professional. Heritage Tree Care has also worked and advised at Zilker Park in Austin to restore, revive, and replenish the park trees. www.isatexas.com.

-Vincent Debrock

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CALL HEATHER
POWDRILL AT
512.393.8420 TO
RECEIVE MORE
INFORMATION!

San Marcos and Blanco River Cleanup

The public is invited to join the Annual Fall River Clean Up on Saturday, October 9, 2010 beginning at 9 a.m. at San Marcos Plaza Park. This year we are not only focusing on the San Marcos River, but the Blanco River as well.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the Plaza Park stage across from the Grant Harris Building, 401 E. Hopkins, to register, pick up trash bags, and grab a breakfast taco from Napolitos with a cup of coffee provided by Jo on the Go.

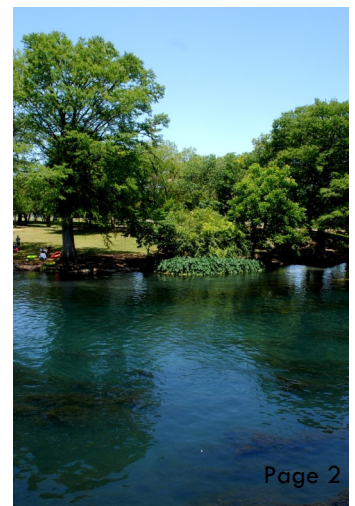
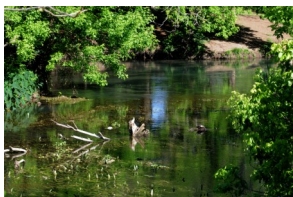
After registration and breakfast, we will split the group. Half of the group

will travel to Blanco Shoals with the San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance to concentrate on the greenspace and the Blanco River, and the other half will stay at the San Marcos River. The San Marcos River group will canoe, snorkel and walk the bank of the river collecting trash and recyclables.

Snorkelers, swimmers, canoeists and bank walkers are invited to join in the event to keep our popular rivers clean.

A BBQ lunch from Fuschak's will be served at 1 p.m. to end the day. The event is

sponsored by the City of San Marcos Parks & Recreation Division and Keep San Marcos Beautiful. For additional information please call Heather Powdrill, Community Beautification Coordinator at 512-393-8420 or by email at hpowdrill@sanmarcostx.gov.



Fall Neighborhood Cleanups Update

The City of San Marcos Community Services – Environmental Health Division has begun the Fall Neighborhood Clean-ups of the year. The first cleanup was held Saturday, September 11th for the Hills of Hays neighborhood. The following two cleanups will be held Saturday, October 2nd at Victory Gardens and Saturday, October 16th for the Dunbar neighborhood. As usual, the Victory

Gardens cleanup was a great success!

The city helps citizens dispose of their solid waste, recyclables, bulk materials, and brush. The City employees involved are Assistant Community Services Director, Mark Brinkley, Nick Alexander, coordinator of the event, Robert Piper, and Charles Schlegel. This group, with the help of other City Departments, will contribute many hours of back

breaking work helping the citizens of three San Marcos neighborhoods unload their trash, recyclables and brush.

These events are a great public service provided by the City of San Marcos. Other cooperating partners include Keep San Marcos Beautiful, Texas Disposal Systems, Green Guy Recycling, San Marcos Public Services and Parks and Recreation. For more information, please call Environmental Health at 512.393.8442.



Adopt-a-Spot Updates

Saturday, September 18th was a great day for our river and many of our parks here in San Marcos. The Keep San Marcos Beautiful (KSMB) Adopt-a-Spot program hosted three dedicated groups to clean and beautify their adopted spot. Also, among these activities, KSMB supported the annual Scuba Diver River Cleanup.

Beginning bright and early at 8:00 a.m. the Social Awareness Documentaries Film Club (SADOC), headed by Amanda Austin, cleaned Rio Vista Falls. This was the group's first cleanup with the Adopt-a-Spot program. SADOC also returned Sunday, September 19 to weed plant beds and continue their cleanup efforts.

Also, at 8:00 a.m. just up-river at Plaza Park Stage, the scuba diver river cleanup was beginning to set up. By 9:30 a.m., thirty scuba divers loaded the

bus, driven by Lions Club members. The divers were dropped off at Sewell Park and were picked up in the early evening at Thompson's Island.

The third cleanup of the day began at 10:00 a.m. Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU) Fraternity, who adopted Plaza Park last year, conducted their first cleanup of the new school season. The group was led by Andres Aguirre, GTU President. They have continued to remain dedicated participants of KSMB since the inception of KSMB in the summer of 2009.

Finally at 11:00 p.m. Chi Beta Delta began cleanup and beautification activities at Children's Park. They picked up trash, spread mulch in the playscape area, removed fallen brush and then came over to the river cleanup to sort solid waste from recyclable materials. The Chief Activities Officer, Alyssa Glass-

Janitz, proved to be an outstanding leader during their cleanup. "San Marcos Adopt-A-Spot allows citizens of the community to step up and directly help out the environment and our local parks. It truly is a blessing to see the smiles on other's faces once your organization has finished their clean-up; there is no better feeling than the reward you get from helping out the community," stated Glass-Janitz.

Other groups who have recently conducted cleanups are the Texas State G-Force at Crooks Park, Central Texas Fly Fishers at Stokes Park, Amisrael El Mensajero De La Paz at Veterans Memorial, KAD of CM Allen Homes at Conway Park, and The Hub at Purgatory Creek Green-space/Lower Prospect Park. Upcoming cleanups will be at Ramon Lucio Park by the Signarts Brigade and at Memorial Park by the San Marcos Academy students.

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The Adopt-a-Spot program has sixteen groups or businesses who have adopted fifteen spots totaling 340 acres of adopted public property. If your organization or business is interested in adopting a spot, please contact Heather Powdrill at 512.393.8420 or by email at hpowdrill@sanmarcostx.gov. You may also go online to the city's website, www.sanmarcostx.gov, to retrieve more information.

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Fall Plant Sale

Date: October 16
Day: Saturday
Time: 9:00am—3:00pm
Many volunteers have worked diligently to continue the plant propagation program. We will have a wide variety of magnificent, mostly native plants at our sale. We will supplement these plants with some from Madrone Nursery and Native Texas Nursery. We are looking for volunteers to help with plant propagation, getting ready for the sale, and help on the actual day of the sale.

Composting Techniques

Date: October 2
Day: Saturday
Time: 10:00am—Noon
Fee: Free!
Betsy Robertson and Joe Scott will share their techniques on composting, managing compost, and compost tea!

Agaves

Date: November 18
Day: Thursday
Time: 6pm—8pm
Fee: \$2.00
Mark Boling will be sharing his vast knowledge of agaves, including species

found in our area, agave care and growth, and uses for agaves. We may have some to give away!

Public Programs for Kids Bats!

Age: 5Y—12Y
Date: October 27
Day: Wednesday
Time: 4:30 pm—5:30 pm
Fee: \$2.00
This special program on bats will teach us where bats live, what they eat, and what species we may encounter here. We will also have a bat craft and some Halloween treats.



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Join Keep San Marcos Beautiful

We are creating a tradition of litter prevention, waste reduction and beautification for our community that we hope will last for centuries. You can support this effort by making a donation to KSMB. You can also volunteer in our local parks and greenspaces, adopt a spot, help organize events, encourage beautification education, or voice your support to community leaders and your family and friends. Each member will receive a KSMB t-shirt and a litter bag filled with KSMB goodies. Detach this bottom portion and send to mailing address indicated below.

Your contribution is tax deductible.
You will receive a receipt via email.

Send payment this form to:

Keep San Marcos Beautiful
Attn: Heather Powdrill
630 E. Hopkins
San Marcos, TX 78666

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City of San Marcos KSMB

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Volunteer interests (circle all that apply)

Adopt-a-Spot

KSMB Special Events

San Marcos River Cleanup

Waste in Place Curriculum